

By those who knew him best, he is remembered as a dedicated husband and father with a clever wit, a strong sense of work ethic, and a kindness toward those in need.

My thoughts and prayers are with Commander Wolfe and his family and friends during this heartbreaking time, as well as the families of all of our military personnel serving as they do in such danger and with such bravery. We owe our brave men and women serving in the Armed Forces and their families nothing but our full support and gratitude for their tremendous sacrifice.

#### CAP-AND-TRADE'S NEGATIVE IMPACT ON RURAL AMERICA

(Mr. SMITH of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I have serious concerns about cap-and-trade legislation and its impact on the American people, especially rural communities. This, at its core, is a national energy tax which will be passed on to the American people. The stakes are even higher for our Nation's agriculture industry.

Agriculture is an energy-intensive industry, relying on fuel for the pickup truck, fertilizer for the crops, and generators to keep heaters on during the winter.

The Third District of Nebraska is one of the largest agricultural districts in the country, home to more than 30,000 farmers and ranchers. And everyone knows that even a small increase in the operating costs would have dire results.

As higher energy prices hit other areas of our economy, farmers and ranchers will pay more for seed, equipment, steel and other supplies. As the cost of production increases, so will the price of food on the shelves in urban areas.

This national energy tax is the wrong way to go, and certainly my colleagues know that.

#### COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACA. For over a year now, I have been coming to the floor to continue to advocate for the need to pass comprehensive immigration reform. While we debate health care and energy legislation, which are important, let us not forget about another urgent situation that is getting worse in America.

To those who say that comprehensive immigration must wait, I ask, how do we humanely deal with the 14 million undocumented immigrants in this country whose lives are being affected every day? How should we respond to thousands of innocent children that increasingly are left to fend for them-

selves as bureaucratic and outdated immigration laws keep them from their parents?

Our immigration system does not fit the current immigration reality. We need comprehensive immigration reform that respects families and protects our borders and makes America safer.

I urge my colleagues to do the right thing. Look past politics and work with the CHC and pass comprehensive immigration reform.

#### CAP-AND-TAX, AN OVERDOSE OF NEW TAXES

(Mr. BROUN of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, all the symptoms are clear. As a medical doctor, I rise today to diagnose the Obama administration and the majority leadership in this Congress with an addiction to raising taxes.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the Obama budget calls for more than \$1.1 trillion in new taxes over the course of the next decade, including \$646 billion in new taxes for their cap-and-tax scheme alone.

Cap-and-tax will raise the American family's energy costs by more than \$3,100 each year. That amounts to the largest tax increase in the history of our Nation.

Cap-and-tax is an overdose of new taxes. And mark my words, it will lead to catastrophic consequences. Experts almost unanimously agree that the cap-and-tax will destroy millions of jobs and devastate our economy, all of this while having marginal, if any, impact on global emissions.

I urge my colleagues and the American people to stand up against these tax increases and oppose this legislation.

#### CLEAN ENERGY JOBS

(Ms. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. RICHARDSON. Last week, the House Energy and Commerce Committee reached an agreement on the framework for transforming our economy for decades to come while saving the planet in the process, which should be all of our goal. Before the end of the year, we hope to pass comprehensive energy and job-creating legislation to make clean, American energy available for all of us. The clean energy jobs plan is the next step to create millions of American jobs in clean energy, efficiency, modernization, and a smart electrical grid.

Energy, as a matter, is critical to our own national security and to our self-determination to stop our overarching dependence on foreign oil. And in terms of our environment with the same successful bipartisan American solution that we use to fight acid rain, we can

crack down on the persistent polluters who damage our air and water.

The time for clean energy legislation is now. It will create millions of jobs, reduce our dependency on foreign oil, and it will retool America's industries.

#### FRANK LARISON: ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there is no such thing as a former marine. Once marines leave the military, they are still marines at heart, soul, and patriotic zeal.

One such marine is Frank Larison, who served in Vietnam—14 years in the military.

The 58-year-old combat veteran lives in Lake Highlands in Dallas, Texas. Like many marines, he has Marine bumper stickers and decals on his vehicle. But the homeowners' association claims the stickers are advertising, which is prohibited under deed restrictions.

Marine Larison has been told to remove the stickers or face fines or towing. Larison is not retreating from this battle. Marine Larison has, in the unique Marine vocabulary, "politely" refused to peel off any of the red and gold Marine decals. Larison told a Dallas reporter, "I'm not advertising. I'm just proud to have served my country."

Marine Larison will win his fight with the association because freedom of speech is still sacred in America whether the association likes it or not. There is nothing like a U.S. Marine. They are a breed of their own. They are truly unique, proud Americans. The association picked the wrong person to do battle with, a U.S. Marine. Semper fi, Frank Larison. Semper fi.

And that's just the way it is.

#### ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, I had the honor and pleasure of participating in a wonderful Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration. It featured native songs and dances, beautiful flowers and costumes and excellent food from around Asia. The event was sponsored by the Clark County Asian American Democratic Caucus under the able leadership of Sanje Sedera and Raheela Haq. Community advocates were honored and scholarships were awarded.

Asian Americans are the fastest growing minority group in Nevada and are becoming an increasingly powerful and positive force in our society, our economics, and our political scene. We welcome their valuable contributions and honor their delightfully rich cultural traditions.